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# THE SHIELD

## G-MAN

### EXTRAORDINARY



JOE KIDDING, OF AN EXTRAORDINARY, IS THE SHIELD-ONLY ONE LIVING MAN KNOWS THE SHIELD'S TRUE IDENTITY—AND THAT MAN IS THE CHIEF OF THE FBI. THE SHIELD IN ACTION IS BULLET AND FLAME PROOF, AND HAS THE POWER TO PERFORM EXTRAORDINARY FEATS OF PHYSICAL DARING AND COURAGE. WITH THE SPEED OF A BULLET AND THE STRENGTH OF A HERCULES, HE DEVOTES HIS LIFE TO SHIELDING THE GOVERNMENT FROM ALL ENEMIES.

JOE KIDDING OF THE FBI  
FROM HIS WAY TO THE  
WASHINGTON DC.  
AIRPORT



IT CAME FROM THIS  
DIRECTION!D BETTER  
SEE WHAT HAPPENED!



TWO CARS SPEED AWAY FROM THE  
SCENE OF THE BLAST!



FOR THE MOMENT  
KIDDING IS ANGRY  
ANY HUMAN EYE —  
INSTANTLY HE DOING  
HIS DUTY, CLOTHING  
AND IS REVEALED AS



HE SPRINGS IN THE PATH OF  
THE ONCOMING CARS



FROM THE OTHER CAR, THE TRUNKS OPEN  
FIRE, BUT THE BULLETS BOUNCE HARM-  
LESSLY FROM THE SHIELD.

FROM THE DEER'S BURST: ANOTHER AWE-  
INSPIRING FIGURE!



THE WIZARD!

THE SHIELD!

TWO ALMOST LEGENDARY FIGURES, THE  
MOST POTENT FORCES AGAINST INJUSTICE  
THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN, MEET!



THAT WAS QUITE A TIP YOU GAVE  
MY CHIEF ABOUT THE MOSCOWIAN  
SPY RING. HE'S BEEN GIVEN  
FULL AUTHORITY TO GO AHEAD.  
ON THAT, I'M  
ON MY WAY  
TO PEARL  
HARBOR  
NOW!

MAYBE  
I CAN HELP  
YOU OUT.



THE  
MOSCOWIAN  
HAVE THEIR HEAD  
QUARTERS IN KILLA

THE WIZARD BRINGS  
HIS SUPER BRAIN INTO PLAY



WELL, SO LONG,  
I'M ON MY WAY!  
AND THANKS

GOODBYE  
AND GOOD  
LUCK!



THAT AFTERNOON—WHEN THE TRANS-  
PACIFIC PLANE LEAVES FOR PEARL  
HARBOR, JOE HIGGINS IS  
ABOARD IT!

IN THE MOSCOWIAN HAWAIIAN  
ISLAND HEADQUARTERS,  
THE ARMY AND NAVY WILL SOON  
ARRIVE FOR SPECIAL DEFENSE  
MANEUVERS. WE HAVE AN  
OPPORTUNITY FOR GREAT SACRIFICE!



RUIN THE FIRST LINE  
OF DEFENSE AND  
BURN OUR MOSCOWIAN  
GOVERNMENT  
INVADERS!

JOE HIGGINS' PLANE  
SOON REACHES PEARL  
HARBOR, AND THE  
GOVERNMENT AGENT  
SEES A STARTLING  
SIGHT!



GREAT GUESS! MOSCOWIAN  
BOMBERS THEY'RE  
AIMING FOR THAT  
BRIDGE!

THE SHIELD LEAPS TO  
WHAT SEEMS CERTAIN  
DEATH!



THIS IS  
WHERE I  
SET OFF!

# A TEN THOUSAND FOOT PLUNGE!



ABOARD THE U.S.S. MANILA AT ANCHOR IN PEARL HARBOR



THE SHIELD MAKES FOR THE BATTLESHIP WITH POWERFUL STROKES!



LIKE A HUMAN FLY THE SHIELD CLIMBS UP THE SIDE OF THE SHIP!



AND UP ONTO THE DECK.



BEFORE THE STRAYLED STEWARD COULD TURN THEIR WITS, THE SHIELD MOUNTS A SWEEPING ATTACK.



THE SHIELD BRINGS EVERY OUNCE  
OF HIS GIANT MUSCLES INTO PLAY  
AND LEAPS



THE TOP OF THE  
BRIDGE WILL MAKE  
A GOOD PERCH

ATOP THE HIGHEST TOWER  
OF THE BRIDGE THE  
SHIELD TAKES HIS  
POSITION.



AND NOW  
FOR A LITTLE  
TARGET  
PRACTICE

A MOSCONIAN BOMBER ABOVE  
GIVES INSTRUCTIONS.



BE READY TO  
RELEASE BOMBS.  
UNDERN YE GO  
BACK QUICK  
TO KUALA.

BUT BEFORE THE SIGNAL  
CAN BE GIVEN THE SHIELD'S  
GUN SCREECHES A SYMPHONY  
OF DEATH!



COME AND  
GET IT BOYS!  
IT'S ON THE  
HOUSE.



ONE PLANE  
HOWEVER,  
MANAGES  
TO  
RELEASE  
ITS  
MISSILE  
OF  
DESTRUCTION

BUT THE SHIELD LEAPS  
AND CATCHES THE BOMB  
BEFORE IT CAN STRIKE.



THIS IS ONE  
BOMB THAT'LL  
DESTROY NO  
BRIDGES.

THE SHIELD HAS SAVED THE  
BRIDGE BUT NOW THE BATTLE  
SHIP IS SET ON.

I CAN'T LET  
GO OR IT'LL  
SET THAT SHIP  
FOR SURE I'VE  
GOT TO CARRY  
IT INTO THE  
WATER.



THE SHIELD RISKS HIS OWN  
LIFE TO SAVE THE LIVES  
OF OTHERS.



A GAS  
BOMB!

ONLY THE SHIELDS  
HERCULEAN VITALITY IS  
ABLE TO SURVIVE THE  
GAS. HE SWIMS ASHORE.

WAAA! AS WEAK AS A  
KITTEN.



GRAB HIM! HE MUST BE PUT OUT OF THE  
WAY OR HE WILL RUIN ALL OUR PLANS!



THE SHIELD IS AMBUSHED!

DEER SOLID STEEL  
CHAINS WILL HOLD YOU  
FOR A WHILE, MR. SHIELD!

WAAA! NOW WE  
SHOW HIM A  
FEW  
MOSCOWIAN  
TRICKS.



THEY ARRIVE AT  
THE MOSCOWIAN  
FORTRESS IN  
KUALA.



SO YOU LIKE TO  
PLAY VID BOMBS?  
EH?



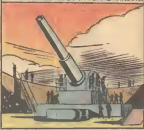
WELL YOU WILL BE TICKLED TO DEATH  
VID HIS TOY! SHOVE HIM IN DOT  
CANNON, GOOT.



INSIDE THE CANNON —  
 BOOM! THIS IS A SPOT I WON'T EVEN  
 BE GOOD DOGMEAT IF I DON'T DO  
 SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.



THE MOSCOWIANS AIM THE GIANT GUN AT  
 THE SHIPS ANCHORED IN PEARL HARBOR.



BUT THE SHIELD HAS OTHER  
 IDEAS. THE EFFECT OF THE  
 GUN HAS WORN OFF. SO  
 HE FLEXES HIS GIANT  
 MUSCLES, AND....



HE PLACES HIS HANDS  
 ON THE SHELL AND  
 SHOVES IT BACKWARDS  
 TO KEEP THE BACK OF  
 THE CANNON OPEN —



JUST AS THE  
 MOSCOWIANS  
 START TO  
 SWING SHUT  
 THE BREACH



THE FIRING PIN MAKES CONTACT, BUT THE BREACH  
 IS OPEN. THE SHELL BACKFIRES, AND THIS  
 WHOLE BASE OF THE GUN — CREW AND ALL IS  
 DESTROYED.



THE SHIELD LEAPS FROM THE WRECKAGE AND  
 CORNERS ONE OF THE MOSCOWIANS

WHERE DO THE  
 BIG SHOTS HANG  
 OUT. QUICK, BEFORE  
 I TWINE YOUR  
 NECK!

I DON'T LIVE  
 A FEW MILES  
 DOWN THE  
 ROAD.



THE SHIELD STREAKS TOWARD MOSCOWIAN  
 HEADQUARTERS.

NOW I'M GETTING  
 SOMEWHERE!





THE SHIELD ARRIVES AND BRINGS HIS ELECTRIC BAR IN TO PLAY.

I'LL FIND OUT FIRST WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE!



INSIDE THE HOUSE—

THE U.S. FLEET HAS ARRIVED, AND NOW WE STRIKE. THE LUANA VOLCANO WILL BE OUR WEAPON.



THE MONARCH MASTERS SPY EXPLAINS.

THE CRATER IS SEMI-ACTIVE. BOMBS WILL SET IT OFF. THE CIVIL AND MILITARY POPULATION WILL BE SO BUSY IT WILL GIVE US A CHANCE TO CONQUER LABOT.



THE SHIELD IS HORRIFIED.

WHY THE HELL—ING DOGS. THOUSANDS WILL BE KILLED BY THAT VOLCANO.



THE SHIELD GOES INTO ACTION.

THIS IS A SAMPLE OF WHAT IS GOING TO GIVE YOU HELPING THE SHIELD.



THE SHIELD FLINGS MONARCHS ABOUT LIKE TEN PINS.

OH SO HAD I'M NOT EVEN ENJOYING THIS.





LEAPING FROM CRAG TO CRAG, SKIPPING FASTER THAN THE BOMBERS CAN FOLLOW, THE SHIELD RACES TO FRUSTRATE THE MOSCOWIAN'S INHUMAN PLAN.



# THE SHIELD ARRIVES TOO LATE!



# THE SHIELD WATCHES THE VOLCANO ERUPT AND DECIDES HIS COURSE OF ACTION.



BEHIND THE VOLCANO, THE MOLTEN LAVA BOILS FURIOUSLY, A MOMENT NOW AND IT WILL ERUPT, SENDING LIQUID DEATH SPEWING DOWN ONTO THOUSANDS OF UNSUSPECTING PEOPLE!



# THE SHIELD DECIDES HIS COURSE OF ACTION.



IF I CAN DAM UP THIS CRATER TEMPORARILY, IT'LL GIVE THE INHABITANTS A CHANCE TO MOVE OUT OF DANGER.



RACE AGAINST TIME! THE SHIELD PERFORMS IN A FEW MINUTES LABOR OF YEARS FOR ANOTHER NATURE.



THESE ROCKS WILL STOP THE ERIPTION FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

IN A PLANE ABOVE, THE PILOTS LOOK WITH AMAZEMENT AT THE FEATS OF STRENGTH PERFORMED BY THE SHIELD BELOW.



LOOK AT THAT WILL YOU?

HOLY MACAWEL! HE'S LIFTING MOUNTAINS!

THE SHIELD WEAKENS THE RIM OF THE CRATER, AND IT COLLAPSES.



HOLY SMOKE! THE WHOLE THING IS CAVING IN!

THE SHIELD HURTLES TOWARD A FERY DOOM!



ANGUISHING LEADS SAVES HIM TEMPORARILY.



THE ARMY PLANE, SIGHTING THE SHIELD'S PREDICAMENT, SWINGS DOWN TO A PERILOUS LANDING ON THE RIM OF THE CRATER.



MADE IT!

WHEW! FOR A MINUTE, I THOUGHT WE'D SURELY BE WRECKED.

CAPT. KEITH KORNELL, THE WEST-POINTER, ON SPECIAL DUTY IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS—TO THE RESCUE.



QUICK! LOWER, YOU'RE CRAZY! AS DOWN THERE, YOU'LL BOTH BE KILLED.

THAT LEDGE DOESN'T  
LOOK TOO STRONG.  
IT'LL ONLY HOLD UP  
FOR A FEW MINUTES  
MORE!



BELOW THE SHIELD, THE  
LAVA BOILS FURIOUS-  
LY!

THE SHIELD REGAINS  
CONSCIOUSNESS!



WHAT HAPPENED?

THE SHIELD  
SHAKES HIMSELF  
FREE OF THE  
DEBRIS JUST AS  
CADET KORNELL  
REACHES HIM.  
THANKS FOR TRY-  
ING TO SAVE MY  
LIFE, BUT YOU  
SHOULDN'T HAVE  
RISKED IT!



LOOK  
THAT  
LEDGE  
IT'S  
GONE  
AWAY!

THE SHIELD LEAPS TO SAFETY!

HANG ON, YOUNG FELLOW!  
FREE RIDE!



WH-  
WHAT  
THE?

LATER ON BOARD THE FLAG-  
SHIP THE SHIELD RECEIVES THE  
ADMIRAL'S THANKS.

YOUR HEROIC ACTION  
STALLED THE VOLCANO  
LONG ENOUGH FOR US  
TO BRING THE  
PEOPLE TO  
SAFETY.



I  
ONLY  
DID  
MY  
DUTY  
SIR.

STILL LATER, JOE HIGGINS REPORTS  
TO HIS CHIEF.

THE MOSCONIAN  
SPY RING AT  
PEARL HARBOR  
IS COMPLETELY  
CLEARED OUT.



GOOD  
WORK,  
WIGGINS!

BUT THE DIABOLIC  
PLOT OF THE MOSCON  
HANGS AGAINST THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT  
STILL GOES ON IN THE  
NEXT ISSUE OF—

**RED  
COMICS**

AND THE WIZARD, THE  
MAN WITH THE SUPER-  
BRAIN AND THE WEST  
POINTED FIGHT AGAINST  
THESE EVIL INHUMAN  
SCHEMERS IN THE  
APRIL ISSUE OF—  
TOP NOTCH COMICS  
NOW ON SALE.

The

# COMET

by Jack Cole.....

THE COMET PROTECTOR OF RIGHT IS JOHN DICKERING, WHO HAS DISCOVERED A GAS THAT WILL MAKE HIM LIGHTER THAN AIR... HE ALSO FINDS THAT HIS EYES GIVE OFF A DISINTEGRATING RAY THAT ONLY GLASS WILL STOP.

THE COMET HAS RECENTLY BEEN KIDNAPPED AND HYPNOTIZED INTO COMMITTING A SERIES OF CRIMES. REGAINING HIS SENSES HE FINDS HE IS A WANTED MAN AND VOWS TO CLEAR HIS NAME AT ALL COSTS //

AFTER BEING HUNTED FOR DAYS THE COMET IS SPOTTED BY THE POLICE

"MORE GODS!!  
WILL THEY NEVER  
STOP HOUNDING  
ME??"

HOT LEAD WHISTLES  
NEAR THE COMET

"I'LL NEVER BE  
ABLE TO PROVE MY  
INNOCENCE AT THIS  
RATE - SOMETHING  
HAS TO BE DONE  
ABOUT THIS  
SEARCH ON MY  
HEAD!!"

THE ONLY THING TO  
DO IS SURRENDER  
AND TRUST TO LUCK  
THAT THEY'LL  
BELIEVE MY STORY!

THE MOST ASTOUNDING  
MAN ON THE FACE  
OF THE EARTH!



SO NOTHING FOR THE BEST  
AND PREPARED FOR THE  
HOSBY THE COME  
DIVES HIMSELF UP. —

ALRIGHT YOU  
CAN HAVE THE  
CARCASS

THE  
COMET!!  
D-DONT  
M-MOVE!

BOY WHAT  
A CATCH!



THE COMET IS HAND-  
CLAPPED AND LED  
TO THE CITY JAIL. —

ALL I ASK  
IS A CHANCE  
TO PROVE MY  
INNOCENCE!

THAT'S  
A HOT  
ONE! —

OF COURSE  
WE'LL  
LET HIM  
GO. —

HE SAYS  
HE'S  
NOT GUILTY!



DEVS OF THE COMET  
CAP' BIL' SPOOKS — AND A  
KOD OF ASSAULT CHIEFS  
STOCK THE JAIL. —

WE WANT  
THE COMET!

RELEASE HIM  
TO US OR WE  
COME IN  
AFTER HIM!

KILLER!!

ONE MINUTE!  
GO BACK TO YOUR  
PLACES AND LET  
THE LAW DO IT  
THE COURSE!



SO IT'S LYNCHING THEY  
WANT! IT LOOKS  
LIKE IT WON'T BE ANY  
GOOD TO SURRENDER.  
AFTER ALL ONLY 3 TO  
RIP UP MORE TROUBLE.  
HE GOT TO DIVERT THEIR  
ATTENTION FROM THE  
JAIL BEFORE THEY  
RIP IT TO SHREDS.



THE COMET RAISES  
HIS VOICE AND  
SPEAKS MORE IN  
FULL VIEW OF THE MOB.



THERE HE  
IS!! — SHOOT  
HIM DOWN!!

WAAAAA WAAAAA



PEACEFUL CITIZENS  
SOME MAD? — AND I  
CAN'T FIGHT BACK? —  
WHEN THEY'RE DOING  
DOWN BUT ALL FIND  
SOME WAY TO SHOW  
THEM HOW WRONG  
THEY ARE!



SUDDENLY A BULLET  
DIPS THROUGH THE  
COMET'S SHOULDER!

I'M — HIT!



DASHED BY THE BULLET  
THE COMET DASHES FROM  
THE MOB'S MOUTH.

MUST FIND  
SAFETY! —





EVER HEAR OF SILICOSIS? COMES FROM BAD VENTILATION IN MINES. SILICA DUST IS BREATHED IN BY THE MINERS. COLLECTS IN THE LUNGS AND CAUSES THE ORGANISM TO EVENTUALLY TURN TO TURBOGRASS!!

NEARLY EVERY MAN DOWN THERE IS SUFFERING FROM SILICOSIS!!

WHY DON'T THE MEN PROTEST?

THEY HAVE, BUT THE OWNERS SAY THE EXPENSE OF NEW VENTILATING EQUIPMENT WILL BANKRUPT THEM! THE MEN FEAR THE LOSS OF JOBS MORE THAN LOSING THEIR HEALTH, SO THEY CONTINUE TO TOLERATE THE BAD CONDITIONS.

THIS NEEDS LOOKING INTO!!

THE COMET PAYS A VISIT TO THE MINE OFFICE —

GENTLEMEN, I'VE GOT TO THE POINT — WHY DON'T YOU INSTALL VENTILATORS IN YOUR MINES?!

WHO ARE YOU TO COME BUTTING INTO OUR OFFICE?

NEVER MIND!! — THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL BE INTERESTED TO HEAR OF CONDITIONS HERE!!

BOSS!! — CAME IN AT MINE NO. 3!!

WITHOUT WAITING FOR AN ANSWER OR QUESTION, THE COMET RACES TO THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT.

IT'S OUR WAGNER!! — CAUGHT BY THE LEG

BAGNOLI BE YIPPEE! THE COMET TRIES TO BLAST AWAY THE POOR —

NO USE — THE RAY WON'T AFFECT SILICA! WE'LL HAVE TO AMPUTATE!

NOTE — SILICA IS THE MAIN CONSTITUENT OF GLASS

THE COMET FOCUSES THE RAY ON THE TRAPPED MAN'S LEG —

SUCCESS!!

DID YOU SEE THAT? — IT'S A MIRACLE!! — WHO IS HE?

HOW FOR COMET COULD COME HERE!!



WHEN YOU REFUSE TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR WORKERS, I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THEY KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT HOW YOU RAISED SECONDARY SCHOOL LEARNERS' LIVES!!



THE COMET SHOWS ONE OF THE MINES —



THESE COMPANY LEADERS BOAST ABOUT TO CONVINCE THEM OF THE TRUTH!

MEANWHILE, THE OWNED GUY AND HIS PARTNER RUN TOWARD THE MINE



QUICK! — GRAB ONE OF THESE CHLORINE TANKS!!

WHAT BOB YOU DON'T MEAN —

EXACTLY — THE HEAVY GASES BUT OUR MEN'LL BE KILLED TOO! THAT'S MURDER!



A BUNCH OF HIS NUMBER 1 GASES ARE THE GAS IN THE SHAFT



GAS!!



I CAN'T BREATHE!

RIGHT AND LEFT THE MINERS FALL GASPING

THE COMET FLASHES HIS RAY REPEATEDLY AT THE CEILING, DRILLING HOLES TO THE SURFACE



NEED VENTILATION!

THEN HE BURNS HOLES INTO THE FLOOR PERMITTING THE GAS TO DROP INTO THEM



FRESH AIR!!

LEAVING THE MEN TO RECOVER, THE COMET JOOKS UPWARD.



SOMEONE IS GOING TO PAY FOR THIS!

MR. RILEY, YOU'VE GOT A DEBT TO PAY!!



YOU!! IT CAN'T BE!!

RILEY PICKS UP AN OBJECT FROM THE GROUND.



I'M NOT PICKED YET!!

GOOD THAT CLUB!!

THE COMET QUICKLY AIMS HIS DAY AT THE "STICK."



GOOD HEAVENS!! IT'S DYNAMITE!!

DON'T KILL ME! LEASE ME A BAG OF YOU!! YOU CAN HAVE ANYTHING IF YOU'LL LET ME LIVE!!



ALL I WANT FROM YOU IS A WRITTEN ORDER FOR THE VENTILATING EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH OF YOUR MINERS.

HERE IT IS! OF THE COMPLETE ORDER!



HOW FORN OVER THE CASH—I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THIS ORDER IS FILLED WITHOUT ANY DELAYS!

RETURNING TO THE OLD MINER, HOPE THE COMET PREPARED TO LEAVE.



WE'D BE GLAD TO HAVE YOU STAY WITH US WHEN YOU'RE SAFE HERE!

THANKS POP! BUT—

I MUST BE MOVING! PERHAPS SOMEDAY THE PUBLIC WILL ACCEPT ME BACK INTO SOCIETY BUT MEANWHILE I'VE GOT A HEAVY DATE WITH SOME OTHER ROMAN TERMINES!!



ANOTHER COMET ADVENTURE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF PEP COMICS

# THE PRESS GUARDIAN

EVEN THE PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY EXPRESS DOESN'T KNOW THAT HIS EFFETE SON, PERRY CHASE, SECRETLY IS THE SAUNTLESS PRESS GUARDIAN, FOE OF ALL ENEMIES OF THE PRESS.

TO THE DAILY EXPRESS THAT IS A WARNING! YOU HAVE A SPOON OF BOOY! WANT'S SUGGESTING THAT LAM- PERS WILL HAVE REVEALED A YEAR- LONG PLAN TO SWAL- LOW THE WHOLE OF AMERICA AND GOING TO BE DONE NOT LONG! NO ANYTHING ABOUT IT! WE'VE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR WORTHY IDEAS. CONSIDERATION AND WE'VE BEEN TO TAKE CARE OF THE WHOLE EFFECTS OF YOUR LITTLE ONE- LINE OF THE STORY!

SEND ME TO THE CAPITAL, DAD. I'D LIKE TO UNCOVER THE ONE MAN OUR DOCUMENTS DIDN'T HAVE THE TOP MAN.

IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA, PERRY IS SO SIMPLE THE LADDER WOULD IGNORE HIM!

IT'S AGAINST MY JUDGEMENT, BUT GO AHEAD!

A NEW TAKE FOR THE PRESS GUARDIAN!

ABOUT THE FULLMAN, CAPITAL SOUND?

WE KNOW THE DAILY EXPRESS SENT YOU—MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS AT THE CAPITAL, OR ELSE ....

OR ELSE WHAT?

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME WISE GUY, UNLESS YOU WANNA GET HURT!

YOU MEAN I MIGHT GET HURT, LIKE THIS?

PERRY ENTERS HIS NEW OFFICE AT THE CAPITAL—CYNTHIA BLAKE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? THIS IS A DANGEROUS JOB I'M ON!

I'M TO BE YOUR ASSISTANT, YOUR FATHER GAVE ME THE JOB!

HERE'S A NEW PRESS RELEASE, SIR!

PERRY'S NEW ASSISTANT IS THE GIRL HE RESCUED FROM THE MORGANSHIRE—THE ONLY LIVING DESIGN MODEL OF RYAN'S SISTER WHO KNOWS THAT PERRY IS THE PRESS GUARDIAN

THE EXPRESS AIN'T LAD OFF LIKE YOU TOLD 'EM TO.—THEY GOT A NEW MAN HERE?

WELL, WATCH PERRY EVERY MINUTE, CAN HE OUTWIT THEM?



PERRY AND CYNTHIA HAVE BEEN INVITED TO A PARTY AT A POLITICIAN'S COUNTRY HOME — PERRY CALLS TO DISCOVER THE BEST WAY TO GET THERE!

I ASSURE YOU MR. CHASE, THE RIVER ROAD IS THE BEST ROUTE YOU CAN TAKE!

OKAY, AND THANK YOU!

IT SOUNDS PHONEY TO ME!



I'LL BE DELAYED TONIGHT. YOU GO TO THE WALTON PARTY BY CAB. I'LL MEET YOU THERE!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK?



I DON'T BELIEVE A BIG SHOT POLITICIAN WOULD HAVE HIS HOME ON A LONELY ROAD LIKE THIS! I WONDER WHAT'S UP?

PERRY DRIVES TO THE WALTON PARTY!



AH! SO THAT'S THEIR GAME!

A BLAZING BARRIER BLOCKS THE ROAD!



SUDDENLY CYNTHIA BLAKE SPRINGS UP FROM UNDER A BLANKET IN THE BACK OF THE CAR!

GOSH! THAT LOOKS DANGEROUS.

CYNTHIA, I TOLD YOU TO TAKE A CAB!



FIX THE DOORS, SO THEY'LL OPEN! WE'LL ROLL OUT IF THAT BARRIER IS SOLID. IF IT'S FLimsY WE'LL GO RIGHT ON THROUGH IT!



PERRY CRASHES THE BARRIER! WILL HE AND CYNTHIA COME OUT ALIVE?



THE HOST FLINGS A CHAIR,  
BUT THE PRESS GUARDIAN  
SEES IT COMING, AND DUCKS,  
JUST IN TIME!

THANKS FOR  
SAVING ME THE  
TROUBLE!





THE BATTLE  
STILL RAGES  
IN THE  
HOST'S  
DEN.



ARE YOU  
READY TO ADMIT  
YOUR PART IN  
THE GRAFT  
RING?



I'LL CONFESS, I'LL  
ADMIT ANYTHING...  
ONLY DON'T HIT  
ME AGAIN!



ALL RIGHT,  
GET UP HERE  
AND SIGN THIS  
CONFESSION.



I'LL SIGN NOTHING BUT  
YOUR DEATH WARRANT,  
RAT, TAKE THIS!

OTHERS HAVE TRIED TO  
SHOOT THE PRESS  
GUARDIAN BEFORE...  
WITH NO BETTER LUCK!



PLEASANT  
DREAMS!



HOW TO SEE  
IF I CAN GET  
OUT OF  
HERE!



THEY'VE  
GOT  
CYN-  
THIA!

SHE'LL BE  
OKAY UP-  
STAIRS!

THE PRESS GUARD-  
IAN FACES A NEW  
BATTLE!



I'LL MEET  
LESS INTER-  
FERENCE  
BY GOING  
UP THIS  
WAY!

THE PRESS GUARDIAN  
TAKES A DANGER-  
OUS ROUTE!



HELP!

YOU'LL  
PAY FOR  
THAT—  
RAT!



YOU CAME UP  
HERE AGAIN FOR  
IT, BUDDY. AND  
YOU'RE GONNA  
GET IT!

CAN THE PRESS GUARDIAN  
BEAT THE THUG'S  
TRIGGER FINGER?



YOU'LL HAVE  
TO BE FASTER  
THAN THAT—  
RAT!



THE PRESS GUARDIAN OVER-  
WHELMS HIS Foe!



YOUR KID-  
HAPPED RE-  
PORTER IS  
TIED UP IN  
THE NEXT  
ROOM!  
FINE, UNTIE  
HIM, AND  
TELL HIM  
WE'LL FIND  
A BIG STORY  
DOWNSTAIRS  
WHERE OUR HOST  
HAS JUST COM-  
MITTED SUICIDE.  
I SAW HIM THROUGH  
THE WINDOW AS I  
WAS COMING UP!



THE LEADER OF THE GRAFT  
RING KILLED HIMSELF.  
RATHER THAN FACE THE  
DISGRACE OF ARREST!

RUSH THOSE PAPERS TO  
THE OFFICE. I'VE GOT TO GET  
OUT OF HERE BEFORE SOME-  
ONE ELSE LEARNS THAT  
PERRY CHASE, WHO THEY  
THINK IS DEAD DRUNK UNDER  
A TABLE, IS REALLY—  
THE PRESS GUARDIAN!



ONCE MORE THE PRESS  
GUARDIAN HAS OUTWITTED  
ENEMIES OF THE MEDIA. FOL-  
LOW HIS NEW ADVENTURES  
IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF —  
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# GIANTS OF THE WEST

**P**HOTOGRAPHS of the big trees of California showing a cowboy on horseback beside one of the giants of the forest are popular with tourists. The cowboy, in comparison to the tree, looks like an ant riding beside a telegraph pole.

Most of the tourists are not aware that the big trees of California are of a species found, in nature, to grow die on earth. Also that they are the oldest living things on earth.

The trees of the Sequoia family are cone bearing, but are not true pines. While pine trees are widely distributed about the earth, the Sequoia is found only in the one location, a fact for which no biologist has ever been able to account unless it is because of the peculiarly even temperatures to be found in the valleys of the Golden Gate state.

There are two species of the Sequoia, both native to California. One is known as the big or giant tree and the other is the redwood. Where attempts have been made to cultivate these trees in European or other botanical gardens, the few specimens to live any length of time have shown a dwarf or stunted growth.

The giant trees of California were old when the pyramids were being built. They were giants when Columbus discovered America and when Nero ruled in Rome. The largest specimens are estimated to be over 2000 years old.

These trees are protected, but one of a smaller size was cut down for experimental and research purposes and an annual rings numbered 2122. An idea of the size of the trees can be gained by the fact that twenty men with axes outstretched can just encircle the tree known as General Sherman. If one of the men happens to have short arms the twenty will miss circling the tree by about six inches.

**G**ENERAL SHERMAN while among the largest at the base is not among the tallest of the trees. The Redwood State, slightly smaller at the base than the General Sherman, is 325 feet high and more just top the 400-foot mark.

In the hollow of one of the trees six pines and cedars have been planted. A dancing pavilion has been made by pulling the limbs of one giant's branches. A church in Santa Rosa, California has been built entirely from the wood of one tree, with a considerable bulk of scraps and shavings left over.

The wood of both types of Sequoia is light and durable and takes on a beautiful natural finish. In the early days it was extensively used for interior decoration and the trees from which it came are the most valuable in the world.

Shoof boxes made by early Spanish settlers from this wood are still in existence and are fabulously valued.

**GREAT NEW FEATURE**  
**GALAHAD!**  
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**4 TRIANGLES**

**BIG DIAMOND**

**5 AIRMAILS!**

**BRIT. COLUMBIA**

**STURGEON GENERAL**

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AND BY PACKET IN  
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# FU CHANG

## International

# DETECTIVE



FU CHANG, INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE WHO BEGINS IN CRIMATOWN, ACHIEVES WITH THE AID OF THE MAGIC CARMEN OF ALABAMA, PROSPERITY AND PROTECTION FOR HIS PEOPLE. HE HAS ORGANIZED THE TI YAN TONG AS A SECRET SOCIETY TO DO GOOD AND RIGHT, WRONG, NATURALLY. THIS TONG IS HATED AND FEARED BY EVILDOERS—AND ONE RIGHT.

*Tim Strater*



FORWARD, DEALERS OF DEATH!



PRINCESS LING FOY, THE BEAUTIFUL SORCERESS, HAS BROUGHT TO LIFE A STRANGE HORDE OF EVIL CREATURES!

PRINCESS LING FOY LEADS HER BERSERK WARRIORS TO THE MEETING OF THE TI YAN TONG.



WARRIORS OF DEATH! GO... ATTACK THE MEETING OF TI YAN TONG!



LOOK, ENEMIES ARE UPON US!

THE MEN OF THE TI YAN TONG PREPARE TO RESIST THE INVASION.....



THESE MEN ARE INVULNERABLE... BY SWORD BLADES!

MY BULLETS CANNOT PIERCE THEM!

BUT THE COURAGEOUS EFFORTS OF  
THE TONS ARE OF NO AVAIL.

IT IS USELESS TO FIGHT —  
MY WARRIORS, RUN  
OR BRACE. YOUR  
TONS SHALL PUSH  
FORWARD, BRASS  
WARRIORS!

HAVE MERCY!

BUT FU CHANG GRASPS THE SITUATION  
AND PLANS AN ATTACK...

HAH! A DROPE  
OF ACID WILL  
FIX THE DISOR-  
DERABLE ROBOTS!



LOOK! FU CHANG! GET  
HIM, MY WAR-  
RIORS!

YOUR ROBOTS  
ARE WELCOME,  
PRINCESS.  
SEND THEM  
UP!

THE PRINCESS SIGNS FU CHANG AND LAUNCHES  
HER WARRIORS AGAINST HIM!



THE BRASS ROBOTS FOLLOW OUT THEIR  
MISTRESS' COMMAND...

IT IS TOO  
LATE TO  
ESCAPE!  
MY ACID  
WILL FIGHT  
THEM!



THIS WILL DESTROY  
THE MONSTERS  
OF EVIL!

FU CHANG ATTACKS THE BRASS MEN WITH  
HIS OWN WEAPON.



ONE BY ONE THE BRASS FIGURES  
DISSOLVE INTO NOTHINGNESS!

THIS WILL FINISH  
THE REST OF  
YOU!



VICTORY IS FU CHANG'S!

THE LAST OF MY  
BRAZEN WARRIORS!  
NOTHING BUT  
MOLTEN METAL!



I AM  
DEFEATED.  
KILL  
ME!



I WAS WRONG TO  
FIGHT YOU! YOU  
ARE STRONG. I  
AM WEAK! TO-  
GETHER WE  
CAN RULE  
CHINA!

NO, FU CHANG  
DOES NOT KILL  
WOMEN! GO  
AND USE YOUR  
POWER FOR  
GOOD!





THROUGH A SCREEN OF SMOKE,  
APPEARS A WEIRD FIGURE.



"ALL LITTLE IMP  
OF THE SMOKE  
FLY, DESTROY  
TAY WING!"

"I HEAR  
AND  
OBEY!"



SWIFTLY, THE TINY THING OF  
EVIL WINGS ITS WAY!



NEITHER TAY WING NOR FU CHANG  
SEE THE IMP FLY IN!

"THIS SLING WILL  
SUPPORT THE ARM  
FU CHANG!"



BUT THE TINY DOCTOR  
SEES AND ACTS!



LOOK! THE TINY FIGURES  
FIGHT!



QUICKLY THE CHEERMAN DOCTOR  
SUBDUES THE IMP!

DOGS THE ENEMY  
IN HERE, LITTLE  
FRIEND!



YOU ARE OUR PRISONER,  
LITTLE DEMON! WHO  
SENT YOU?

"I SERVE THE  
PRINCESS  
LING FOY!"



FU CHANG GOES FORTH TO ACCUSE  
THE PRINCESS!

"PRINCESS LING  
FOY! I WILL CON-  
FRONT HER WITH  
HER INTIMY!"

"BE CARE-  
FUL, FU  
CHANG!"

ASHA TRY KING PRAYS TO THE IDOL!



GO! AD FU CHANG!



TAY KING STARTS OUT FOR LING FOY'S APARTMENT!



PRINCESS LING FOY! I SPARED YOU ONCE---- WHY DO YOU RETURN EVIL FOR GOOD?



YES--- NOW I WILL MAKE YOU MORE HELPLESS STILL!



THE WITCH-PRINCESS BRINGS IN ANOTHER ENCHANTED DAGGER!

MY STOMACH! STOP! I CAN'T STAND THE PAIN!



THAT IS BUT A SMALL SAMPLE, FU CHANG! DO AS I SAY, AND I WILL STOP THE PAIN!



THE THIRD DAGGER WILL MURDER THE FIGURES, BEAST---AND YOURS! CONFESS, REPEAL...OR DIE!



BUT, BEFORE THE PRINCESS CAN CARRY OUT HER EVIL PLAN...

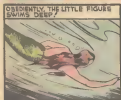
WAIT! PRINCESS LING FOY, YOUR EVIL IS AT AN END!







THE PRINCESS FALLS AGAINST THE IMAGE OF FU CHANG... AND KNOCKS IT OUT OF THE WINDOW INTO THE WATER OF THE BAY!



ALL PAIN IS GONE—  
AND ALL WEAKNESS!



THE GOD KNEW  
WHAT THE FUTURE  
WOULD DEMAND—  
AND CHOSE THIS  
SWIMMING FIGURE  
TO HELP US IN  
TIME OF  
NEED!

ANOTHER  
ADVENTURE  
OF  
FU CHANG  
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# SERGEANT BOYLE

SERGEANT BOYLE, AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENT, JOINED THE BRITISH ARMY TO FIND EXCITEMENT — AND HE FINDS PLENTY!



















# The MIDSHIPMAN

LIEUT. SAMPSON, A MIDSHIPMAN AT THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, TYPICAL THE AMERICAN IDEAL OF PATRIOTISM AND INTELLIGENCE. HE SERVES HIS COUNTRY, AND IS EVER READY TO LAY DOWN HIS LIFE IN ITS SERVICE!

LIEUT. SAMPSON, THE MIDSHIPMAN, HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION TO USE ONE OF THE NAVY BOATS FOR THE AFTERNOON!



LIEUT. SAMPSON'S NOTIONS OF PEACE ARE RUDELY SHATTERED!



AS LIEUT. SAMPSON APPROACHES THE SCENE, HE SEES ANOTHER QUOTE THING!



AN UNKIND SIGHT GREET'S THE MIDSHIPMAN'S EYES...



BUT THE CHLORINE VAPOR STRUCK HIM HARDLY AND POINTS TOWARD THE MIDSHIPMAN!





KEEP FIRING. WE  
MUST MAKE SURE!

THE MOSCONIANS  
OPEN FIRE!

THE MIDSHIPMAN SINKS!

H...HELP!

BUT LEE IS FAR FROM  
FINISHED!

I HOPE THEY  
FELL FOR  
IT!

THEY WON'T THINK OF LOOKING  
FOR ME ON THE PROW  
OF THEIR OWN  
BOAT. I'LL JUST  
HOLD ON FOR  
AWHILE.

BECAUSE THAT THE MIDSHIPMAN IS WITHIN HEARING  
DISTANCE, THE SPY'S UNFOLD THEIR PLOT!

WE HAD A BOMBING  
PLANE WAITING FOR  
THE SIGNAL YET ALL  
THE NAVAL OFFICERS  
ARE ROUNDED UP BY  
OUR AGENTS IN WUN  
HOUSE. WE STRIKE!

GREAT GHOSTS! THEY'RE  
PLANNING TO KILL OFF  
THE ENTIRE NAVAL  
STAFF!

LEE SAMPSON  
SPRINGS A SURPRISE!

IF IT IS A  
GHOST.

HERE'S ONE GHOST  
WITH A GOOD LEFT  
HOOK.



MIDSHIPMAN SAMPSON MAKES A  
BASELINE FOR THE ADMIRAL'S HOUSE.

H. HE'S  
GONE!



THE ADMIRAL IS FORCED TO CARRY OUT THE  
PLUTTERS' ORDERS!

YOU WILL CALL UP  
EACH OF YOUR NAVAL  
STAFF AND KSY DEM  
TO COME HERE  
IMMEDI-  
ATELY!



YOU'LL  
NEVER BE  
ABLE TO CARRY  
OUT YOUR  
PLAN!

LIEUTENANT GAGNEVIN  
RECEIVES A STRANGE  
ORDER!

YES, ADMIRAL, I'LL  
BE THERE RIGHT  
AWAY!



THE ADMIRAL THEN CALLS  
THE HOME OF THE REAR  
ADMIRAL. HE'S OUT BATHING.  
A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.  
LEE SAMPSON, SEEKING  
SOMEONE TO REPORT  
HIS STORY TO, IS THERE  
AT THE MOMENT THE  
PHONE RINGS — THE  
ADMIRAL IS FORCED  
TO ORDER LEE TO  
REPORT ALSO — LEE  
OBEYS — HE RUSHES  
TO THE OFFICE OF  
THE ADMIRAL.  
"WHERE

...HE FALLS INTO THE MOSCOWIAN TRAP?



THE MOSCOWIANS ARE  
ABOUT TO KILL THE AP-  
ARENTLY UNCONSCIOUS  
MIDSHIPMAN!



WE TAKE NO  
CHANCES YID DYS  
VUN, HE AS TOO  
MUCH TROUBLE!

BUT THE MIDSHIPMAN  
SUDDENLY COMES TO  
LIFE!



LUCKY THING  
FOR ME THAT  
MY HEAD IS  
HARD!

COWD, THIS ONE OUT OF  
YOUR HAIR!



GET OUT  
AND GET HELP  
MIDSHIPMAN  
SAMP-  
SON!

REALIZING THAT THE WALLS AND THE DOWNSTAIRS OF THE BUILDING ARE GUARDED, LEE DASHES OUT OF A WINDOW, AND CLIMBS INSTANTLY TO THE ROOF!



LEE HAS A PLAN, BUT IT REQUIRES A DESPERATE CHANCE!



THE MOSCONIAN BOMBER HEADS FOR THE HOUSE FROM WHICH THE FLARE CAME!



LEE'S STRATEGY IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN EVEN HE HAD ANTICIPATED. BEFORE THE BLINDED PILOT CAN LEVEL OFF, HE CRASHES INTO A RADIO TOWER!



THE NEXT DAY—

YOU HAVE SAVED THE NAVAL ACADEMY FROM COMPLETE DESTRUCTION. THE NAVY NEEDS MORE MEN LIKE YOU!



THINK YOU, SIR. ANY OTHER NAVY MAN WOULD HAVE DONE EXACTLY THE SAME THING!

MORE ADVENTURES OF LEE SAMPSON, THE MIDSHIPMAN IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF —  
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# THE ROCKET

## AND THE QUEEN OF DIAMONDS

ONE DAY A HUGE ROCKET SHIP CRASHED WITHIN THE BARRIERS OF THE DIAMOND EMPIRE... AFTER DEFEATING PLOTTERS AGAINST THE CROWN, THE PILOT JONAS AS THE ROCKET, BECAME THE FRIEND OF THE EMPIRE'S LOVELY QUEEN... IN THE LAST EPISODE WE LEFT THE ROCKET AND THE QUEEN FLYING IN A DISABLED SHIP OVER A STRANGE AND DESOLATE LAND...







A BARRAGE  
OF ARROWS  
FLY PAST!

WE'LL BE  
SAFE BEHIND  
THESE ROCKS

THAT MIGHT DARE  
COME ANY CLOSER,  
FOR THEY ARE  
COMBATANT FIGHTERS!

IF WE WAIT  
UNTIL NIGHT  
FALL, WE'LL  
BE ABLE TO  
SLIP THROUGH  
THEM IN THE  
DARKNESS

TOO BAD THAT  
ARROW INJURED  
MY WINGS, I'D  
BE ABLE TO  
FLY FOR AID.

BUT THE LIZARD-MEN  
HAVE NO INTENTIONS  
OF WAITING FOR  
DARKNESS!

FIRE WILL DRIVE  
THEM INTO THE  
OPEN

GOOD! THEN  
OUR ARCHERS  
CAN PICK THEM  
OFF

RUN, AND STAY LOW!  
THEY CAN'T SEE US  
BECAUSE OF THE  
SMOKE SCREEN THEY  
CREATED

THE SKEET AND HIS FRIENDS FLEE  
FROM THE PATH OF THE FLAMING INTEND.

BUT THE ROCKET NOTICES THAT THE  
ANIMALS ARE RUNNING IN THE OPPOSITE  
DIRECTION.

WE'RE TRAPPED,  
THESE FIRE  
ARROWS

THE ANIMALS  
KNOW OF  
WATER! FOLLOW  
THEM AND  
WE'LL BE  
SAFE!

SAVES MARCH IN THE PATH OF THE  
ANIMALS THEY COME TO THE SHORES  
OF A GIANT LAKE

UNLESS THE  
LIZARD MEN  
DISCOVER US  
WE'LL BE SAFE  
UNTIL THE FIRE  
DIES DOWN!

A HUGE FLESH-EATING MONSTER HAD ALSO SOUGHT THE SAFETY OF THE LAKE!



IT'S COMING OUR WAY! WATCH THE QUEEN FALKER, WHILE I GO TO MEET IT!



AN ALLIGOSCEROS!!

AS THE ROCKET DIVES, THE ALLIGOSCEROS LASHES OUT WITH HIS MIGHTY TAIL!



IF THAT TAIL HAD HIT HIM THE FIGHT WOULD BE ALL OVER!

MISSED ME! WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!

THE ROCKET TRIES TO LURE THE BEAST AWAY FROM HIS FRIENDS BY SWIMMING UNDER WATER.



LUSTING FOR THE KILL THE ALLIGOSCEROS FOLLOWS!!



ACTING WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, THE ROCKET THRUSTS HIS DAGGER AGAIN AND AGAIN INTO THE BEAST'S EYES!

YOU SAVED OUR LIVES SIR ROCKET! WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL.



52 SUNSET, THE ALLIGOSCEROS THRESHES AWAY TO ITS DOOM!



WITH THE SWIFTHNESS OF  
LIGHT THE LIZARD-MEN  
STRUCK / HORDES OF  
THEM TUMBLING DOWN  
FROM THE TREES /



THE KING'S ADVISER  
SPEAKS -



THE QUEEN IS  
OF RARE BEAUTY  
... MAKE HER  
YOUR WIFE /

YES / SHE MAKE  
GOOD WIFE BUT  
HIM, HE MAKE GOOD  
FOOD FOR LIZARD-MEN /



THE ROCKET FIGHTS  
BACK, BUT HE IS  
OVERPOWERED /

THE LIZARD-MEN LEAD THEIR CAPTIVES  
TOWARD THEIR UNDERGROUND CITY /



WHEN SUDDENLY....



THE  
APE-  
MEN !

THE APE-MEN  
... A SAVAGE  
TRIBE OF UN-  
CIVILIZED TREE-  
DWELLERS...  
DROP DOWN  
ON THE  
COWARDLY  
LIZARD-MEN /

A BRIEF FIGHT - AND THE  
LIZARD-MEN ARE ROUTED /



THE APE-MEN MAKE OFF WITH THE  
LIZARD-MEN'S PRISONERS...



FROM ONE JAM  
TO ANOTHER  
... WE SURE  
KEEP ON  
GETTING  
IN  
DEEPER /

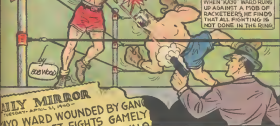
I WONDER  
IF PALKER,  
AND HIS  
HAWKMEN  
WILL EVER  
FIND US NOW /

WHAT FURTHER  
ADVENTURES  
AWAIT THE  
ROCKET  
AND THE  
QUEEN OF  
DIAMONDS  
?

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**EDITION**  
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IN THE  
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APE-MEN /

TWO NEW FEATURES IN EVERY TOP NOTCH COMICS - GILGAD - KNIGHT AND CRUSADER  
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# KAYO WARD!



WHEN "KAYO" WARD HUNG UP AGAINST A MOB OF RACKETEERS, HE FINDS THAT ALL FIGHTING IS NOT DONE IN THE RING.

## DAILY MIRROR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1940  
**KAYO WARD WOUNDED BY GANGSTER'S BULLET, FIGHTS GAMELY**  
**W. K. O.'S SOCKER BENSON IN A**  
**RING EXPERTS HAIL WARD AS MODERN MARVEL—WATCH OUT JOE LEWIS!**

BY PAUL STUMP—  
 THE GREATEST EXHIBITION OF COURAGE AND FEARLESSNESS EVER SEEN BY THIS WRITER BROUGHT VICTORY TO KAYO WARD LAST NIGHT AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN—WITH A DEVIOUS BULLET WOUND IN HIS LEFT ARM, WARD SHOWED SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH TO KNOCK OUT SOCKER BENSON TO THE CANVAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE EIGHTH ROUND—BOB KEEPS SAYING THE EX-STEEL MILL WORKER IS THE FINEST OF THE FINE—A 6000 SPECTATOR FLOCKED TO THE RING TO WATCH THE FIGHT AGAIN—

WHILE YOU'RE DRESSING YOUR ARM, I'LL TAKE A TRIP TO NEW YORK—KAYO—



IT'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO SEE YOUR FRIENDS—

KAYO WARD RESTS AT HIS HOME...



AND I'M GOING TO SEE IF I CAN GET US A CRACK AT THE TITLE.

GOSH-LEW, THAT WOULD BE SWEET.

KAYO AND CONNIE DRIVE LEW TO THE TRAIN.



GOOD LUCK, LEW!

SEE YOU IN TWO WEEKS—KES!

LET'S STOP AT THE  
SANDLOT AND WATCH  
THE KIDS PLAY BALL

GOOD- MAYBE  
BILLY WILL BE  
THERE



KATO AND CONNIE START FOR HOME

BECAUSE YOUR BROTHER'S A  
FIGHTER-IT'S NOT AFRAID OF YOU!

GUCH!



I SAID IT WAS  
A POUL BALL!

THAT'S A LIE, RED-  
YOU KNOW IT WASN'T!



-MEANWHILE, KATO'S KID BROTHER BILLY  
IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH RED-

CHON-PUT UP YOUR  
DUKES- ARE YOU  
SCARED?

DON'T WOOD-NO-  
BODY SOKKS ME  
AND GETS AWAY  
WITH IT!

CHON  
BILLY!



LOOKS LIKE A FIGHT!

WHY IT'S BILLY-  
THAT BIG BOY  
WILL HURT HIM!



AS BILLY AND RED FIGHT IT OUT,  
KATO AND CONNIE ARRIVE

GOOH-I BETTER  
STOP THEM!



BILLY-STOP  
IT!

ATTABOY-  
BILLY!



BILLY SENDS RED SPINNING TO THE GROUND

THINK YOU'RE A TOWN GUY-  
HITTING A LITTLE KID!

NOW YOU KNOW  
I WOULDN'T DO  
A THING LIKE  
THAT!



JUST THEN RED'S OLDER BROTHER SHOWS UP  
THINKING IT WAS KATO WHO HIT HIS BROTHER.





THIS OUGHT REMINDING YOU THAT WHEN SILKO SAYS SOMETHING HE MEANS BUSINESS.

REFUSING TO PAY - SILKO'S MOBSTERS BEAT UP KANO'S FATHER -

REFUSING TO PAY.-SILKHO'S MOBSTERS  
BEAT UP KAYO'S FATHER-

CHINA, SUN  
WILL CHANG  
HAS HAND BY  
TOMCO GOW

GODS-WEAR-DE'S SHOP

I GUESS HE'S A LITTLE BUSY.

THEY WERE AT THE RECORD SHOP

I GUESS HE'S A LITTLE BUSY

IT'S BOOY! HE'S HURT!

JOHN— WHAT'S WRONG?

MR. HARD COMES HOME BADLY ROUSED AND GATTERED

JOHN—

MR. BAIRD COMES HOME BABY BRUISED AND BATTERED

A man with a headband and a speech bubble.

WOMEN DID IT BECAUSE I REFUSED TO PAY PROTECTION MONEY. THEY'RE COMING BACK TOMORROW.

AS KAYO'S MOTHER GIVES HERWARD FIRST AID, KAYO AND CONNIE DISCUSS THE MATTER.

DON'T GO TO THE POLICE. THOSE MEN WILL ONLY DO WORSE TO YOUR FATHER.

THEY'LL SEND ME TO TAKE CARE OF THEM MYSELF.

THEN I'LL BE  
HERE TO TAKE  
CARE OF THE  
MATTER.

CHECK YOUR OIL, SIR?

THE FOLLOWING DAY, KATO TAKES CARE OF HIS FATHER'S GAS STATION.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, RAYD TAKES CARE  
OF HIS FATHERS GAS STATION.

AND SET THAT YOU GET THE DOUGH  
THIS TIME—PULLYAT NEED IN THE CAR

LEAVE IT TO  
US— BOSS

SILKOS AND HIS MEN ARRIVE AT THE GAS  
STATION, DETERMINED TO COLLECT THE MONEY

LEAVE IT TO  
US - **PROFESSIONAL**

SILCO AND HIS MEN ARRIVE AT THE GAS STATION DETERMINED TO COLLECT THE HONEY

BOYS FACE THE THUGS AS THEY APPROACH.

WERE THEY COME-AND IF THEY'RE  
LOOKING FOR TROUBLE THEY'LL FIND IT!

THIS MAY NOT BE  
SO EASY BOYS-  
LOOKS LIKE THE  
OLD MAN TOOK  
A DAY OFF!



DID YOUR OLD MAN  
LEAVE ANY BOUGH  
FOR US?

NO, BUT...



AS THE THUG SPEAKS...

HE LEFT THIS  
INSTEAD!



AS THE THUGS OPEN FIRE UPON HIM KINO TEARS  
INTO THEM WITH A FEROCIOUS SERIES OF BLOWS



I'LL TEACH YOU  
TO STEAL FROM  
HONEST PEOPLE!



KINO FINISHES OFF THE LAST THUG!

NICE WORK KINO-YOU  
ROTTED UP SILKO'S MOB!

SERVE'S THEM  
RIGHT!



ATTRACTED BY THE SHOWS, THE POLICE  
COME DASHING IN TO TAKE OVER

IT'S SILKO-HE'S  
GETTING AWAY!





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# BENTLEY

## of SCOTLAND YARD

### AND THE HUNCHBACK HORROR

AMONG INSPECTOR BENTLEY'S STRANGEST ADVENTURES WAS THAT WHICH BEFELL HIM AT THE BETHROTHAL PARTY OF THE YOUNG EARL OF CRACKENTHORPE TO THE LADY GRENDA, WHERE HE HEARD THE OLD LEGEND OF THE CRACKENTHORPE CURSE...

by SAM COOPER



THE  
INTEREST  
OF  
THE  
PARTY  
IS  
ROUSED...

LET'S SEE  
YOU DO IT!

I DARE YOU, BRENDA!

ALL RIGHT, I'LL DO IT!



LADY  
BRENDA  
TAKES  
THE DARE!

ALL RIGHT, I'M  
GOING UP TO  
CALL ON MR. HUNCH-  
BACKED DEMON!



YOU SAY IT'S  
ONLY A LEGEND—  
BUT AGENT  
YOU'VE GOT TO  
SHAKE!

TO TELL  
THE TRUTH,  
I AM,  
INSPECTOR!

BELOW,  
THE  
EARL  
AND  
BENTLEY  
TALK.  
WHEN...



HELP!  
HELP!

IT'S  
BRENDA!

LET'S GO!



I'M COMING,  
BRENDA!



I'LL SAVE  
YOU, DEAR!

OH---THAT  
HORRIBLE THING!



THE EARL REACHES THE HAUNTED ROOM FIRST---

OUCH!

STOP, WHATEVER  
YOU ARE!



THE ROOM'S  
EMPTY!

AND THE DEMON  
---VANISHED!





LADY BRENDA, YOUR DANCE IS READY!

OH! AND HERE COMES HIS BROTHER LIONEL—AND—

WHAT HAS HAPPENED?



YOU SAY HIS LORDSHIP IS DEAD INSPECTOR? I'M HIS COUSIN, OSBERT SEALS, AND THIS IS HIS BROTHER, LIONEL!

AND I AM THE BUTLER, SIR, —WIGGINS! MY FOOT MASTER!



HHMM, ALL UP HERE AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER!

OH, NO SIR! I WAS DOWNSTAIRS SERVING THE GUESTS — MR. OSBERT WAS THERE TOO WHEN LADY BRENDA CAME UP, BUT NOT MR. LIONEL!

WIGGINS AND I RAN UP AFTER YOU!



WHERE WERE YOU LIONEL?

I WONDER! YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH BISHOP, WEREN'T YOU?

I WAS UP HERE — IN MY ROOM, BUT I DIDN'T KILL MY BROTHER!



I'LL SMASH YOUR SHEPHERD FACE, OSBERT!

EASY GENTLEMEN — THERE'S BEEN ONE MURDER ALREADY



WHEN REEF ARRIVES, BENTLEY MAKES A DISCOVERY!

GUARD THE DOORS MEN! KEEP THE GUESTS HERE — WAIT, THE EARL'S BROTHER, LIONEL, HAS DISAPPEARED!

HE LEFT BEFORE THE POLICE CAME, IN — SPIGOT! HE LIVES IN LONDON!



IF HE'S GONE HOME, I'LL CATCH HIM THERE!

BENTLEY FOLLOWS THE MISSING MAN!



YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE RUN OFF LIKE THAT MR. LIONEL!

I DIDN'T KILL MY BROTHER!



YOU SHOULD HELP ME,  
NOW YOU'RE EARL OF  
CRACKENTHORPE...  
AND THEY SAY YOU  
LOVED YOUR BROTHERS' FANCIES

YOU THINK  
I KILLED  
HIM FOR THE TITLE  
OR FRIEND? I DENY IT!



HE SEEMS  
OVERWROUGHT  
--- I WONDER  
IF ---

AFTER MUCH  
FRUITLESS  
QUESTIONING,  
BENTLEY  
LEAVES,  
WHEN---



--A WEIRD  
ASSAILANT  
DROPS  
UPON  
HIM!



WHAT A WALLOP!

A POWERFUL BLOW FELS  
THE INSPECTOR, BUT ---



TAKE  
THAT!

--- HE STILL FIGHTS BACK!



YOU HIT TOO HARD TO BE A SPIRIT!



WHERE DID  
YOU COME  
FROM?

I'VE BEEN THINKING OVER  
WHAT YOU SAID --- I'M  
COMING BACK WITH YOU ---  
HAS THERE BEEN TROUBLE?

LIONEL SUDDENLY GREET HIM AT THE DOOR!



I'LL FACE ANY  
CHARGES --- BUT I  
INSIST THAT I'M  
INNOCENT!

I THINK EVERYTHING WILL  
BE SETTLED SOON!

THE TWO SPEED BACK TO  
CRACKENTHORPE MANOR



I'VE THOUGHT IT OUT --- WE CAN REDUCE  
THE SUSPECTS TO THE THREE MEN  
WHO WERE UPSTAIRS --- LIONEL,  
OSBERT AND THE BUTLER!

BUT MR.  
OSBERT AND I  
WERE DOWN -  
STAIRS AT THE TIME

BENTLEY NARROWS THE FIELD OF SUSPECTS





BENTLEY  
BEGINS  
TO SHOW  
THE  
WAY  
OF THE  
CRIME!

LOOK! HERE'S WHERE THE MONSTER DISAPPEARED--INTO  
THIS HIDDEN CORRIDOR! I SUSPECTED SOME SUCH  
DEVIL!

BY  
JOVE  
HE  
DID!

HERE'S THE RIG HE  
WORE TO FRIGHTEN  
BRENDA, AND KILL  
THE EARL!

LOOK! HERE'S AN IRON GLOVE  
THAT WOULD KILL ANYBODY  
WITH A BLOW!

BLESS MY  
SOUL! YIS!

THIS PASSAGE LEADS DOWN  
TO THE HALL BELOW  
--TO THE FIREPLACE!

YOU DID IT!--YOU KNEW THE LEGEND  
AND THIS PASSAGE--SLIPPED UP  
BY WAY OF  
THE FIRE-  
PLACE!

WITH THE EARL DEAD AND LIONEL EX-  
ECUTED FOR HIS MURDER, YOU'D COME INTO  
THE TITLE SO YOU KILLED HIM

--TRIED TO  
FRAME  
LIONEL!

WELL--

YEAH, THEN FOLLOWED  
BENTLEY TO MY PLACE,  
TO INCRIMINATE ME  
FURTHER WITH YOUR  
ATTACK ON HIM!

I DID IT, YES --BUT  
I'LL DASH OUT YOUR BRAINS!

NO--ONCE TONIGHT  
IS ENOUGH!

ALL THIS AWFUL EXPERIENCE SHOW-  
ED ME THAT I REALLY CARED FOR

ONLY DO YOUR  
DUTY BY YOUR  
NEW TITLE--AND

LIONEL!  
HOW CAN I  
THANK YOU  
INSPECTOR?

BY LADY  
BRENDA!

AND AGAIN INSPECTOR BENTLEY HAS STRUCK A  
CRUSHING BLOW TO EVIL AND LAMENESS!

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